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Darien Health Department Vaccine Availability

Across the country, vaccine supplies are limited at this time and delivery is being prioritized to specific populations. Connecticut is currently in "Phase 1a" of vaccine roll-out which is expected to last until January or early February.

Those eligible to receive vaccine in Phase 1a are:

Healthcare Personnel: All paid and unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients of infectious materials.

Long Term Care Facility Residents: Adults who reside in facilities that provide a range of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently.

First Responders at risk of exposure to COVID-19 through their response to medical emergencies such as Emergency Medical Technicians, Police, and Fire.

The state continues planning for future phases, and <u>detailed information regarding vaccine</u> <u>availability for Darien residents will be announced through media outlets and the First Selectman's weekly CODE RED Message</u>. If you haven't done so, please make sure to sign up for CODE RED at <a href="https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/6AB0EACFCCDD">https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/6AB0EACFCCDD</a>.

The Town of Darien expects to begin vaccinating eligible persons as defined above during the first week of January. All vaccinations will be by appointment only and arranged through an online portal. Long term care facility residents in Darien will have their vaccine administered by arrangement with CVS Pharmacy.

## For further information:

COVID Vaccination FAQs: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccinations---FAQs">https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccinations---FAQs</a>

Information about eligibility and timeline for vaccine eligibility can be found at <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases">https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases</a>

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